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SUBJ: VISIT OF IRANIAN STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICIAL TO WASHINGTON

1. HABIB DASHTI, CHIEF, STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION WILL BE IN WASHINGTON OCTOBER 5 TO O/A OCTOBER 12. PURPOSE IS TO ATTEND IRANIAN EMBASSY SPONSORED REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR IRANIAN DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PERSONNEL CONCERNED WITH STUDENT AFFAIRS IN U.S. AND PARTS OF EUROPE.

2. SUBJECT IS EXPERIENCED STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICIAL HERE, WELL-VERSED IN U.S. STUDENT REQUIREMENTS AND PROBLEMS, AS WELL AS GOOD EMBASSY WORK CONTACT. AT EMBASSY OFFICER'S SUGGESTION, HE READILY EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS IRANIAN STUDENT MATTERS WITH DEPT. OFFICERS DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON.

3. VO, IN ITS DISCRETION, IS REQUESTED TO ARRANGE ONE OR MORE MEETINGS WITH MR. DASHTI DURING THE STATED PERIOD OF HIS AVAILABILITY, OCTOBER 7 TO 10. CU MAY ALSO WISH TO SEE HIM. ARRANGEMENTS MAY PREFERABLY BE MADE IN ADVANCE OF DASHTI'S ARRIVAL THROUGH MR. SAMII, STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICER AT THE IRANIAN EMBASSY. ALTHOUGH MR. DASHTI HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN REASON TO EXPECT ENTERTAINMENT, A LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR WOULD APPEAR APPROPRIATE.

4. DASHTI IS COMPETENT AND KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL, WHOSE
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INTERESTS FREQUENTLY (BUT NOT ALWAYS) IN HARMONY WITH EMBASSY.

ONE PROJECT HE CURRENTLY APPEARS TO BE PROMOTING IS FOR
EMBASSY TO LOWER EMBASSY SCHOLASTIC GRADE AVERAGE REQUIREMENT
OF 13 (ON IRANIAN SCALE OF 20) FOR FIRST TIME STUDENTS IN
CASES WHERE APPLICANT IS "MEMBER OF GOOD FAMILY" RECOMMENDED
AND "GUARANTEED" BY DASHTI'S OFFICE. DEPT., IN ITS DISCRETION,
IS REQUESTED TO INFORM HIM THAT BEST PLACE TO NEGOTIATE SUCH
MATTERS IS EMBASSY TEHRAN WHICH ACQUAINTED WITH LOCAL CIR-
CUMSTANCES (FYI-EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE
THIS MATTER REASONABLY AND REALISTICALLY AND, IF POSSIBLE,
OBTAIN QUID-PRO-QUO CONCESSION IN RETURN).
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